

Washington

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**SUBJECT: Reduction of Interdepartmental Committees**

In addition to reviewing the justification for the major inter-agency committees referred to in my memorandum of January 20th re Reduction of Major Interdepartmental Committees, your recommendation is also requested as to the possible termination, merger, or continuance of those additional committees and sub-committees chaired by your department listed on the enclosed cards. The group forwarded January 20th concerned only those of direct interest to the White House. The enclosed listing covers all others. (I will appreciate your returning these cards.)

It is strongly desired that groups not actively engaged in significant and substantial activity should be eliminated, and appropriate early action proposed for that purpose. Your recommendations are requested by March 3rd.

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the President